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GERMAN DELEGATES AT THE HAGUE

London Press Call Germany's
Reply to Wilson Note
Evasive.

(Special to The Herald)

London, Dec. 27.—German delegates have arrived at the Hague to make preliminary arrangements for a peace conference, if the Allies agree to one, says a dispatch from the Dutch capital. The German reply to President Wilson's note is called evasive by the press, because it fails to state the German terms. It is taken as a foreboding conclusion that it will pave the way to another note. Sweden has joined Switzerland in endorsing President Wilson's plan. The Swedish note has been forwarded to the warring powers and neutral nations.

MAKING A GOOD START

The motor vehicle department at the state house today issued 1,076 plates which have been applied for since the issuance of 1917 notices.

FOUR HUNDRED PASSENGERS ON STRANDED SHIP

Japanese Steamer Ashore Off Chefoo,
China—Unsuccessful Effort to Float
Vessel.

(Special to The Herald)

Tokio, Dec. 27.—The Japanese steamship Sankaku Maru with 400 persons aboard is ashore off Chefoo, China, says a dispatch received here today. Among the passengers of the Sankaku Maru are two Americans. Efforts to float the steamship have proved futile.

Read the Want Ads

SEARCHING FOR CREW OF THE MARYLAND

Coast Guard Head Believes
They May Be Found in
Their Boats.

(Special to The Herald)

Boston, Dec. 27.—Captain Benjamin H. West, head of the New England coast guard received a radio message from the revenue cutters Cresham and Aqueduct stating that it was believed that the crew of the freighter Maryland was safe in their open boats. He says the revenue cutters are circling in the vicinity of where the steamer is supposed to have foundered in hope of finding the survivors.

ARTILLERY DUELS ON VERDUN FRONT

Paris, Dec. 27.—Intense artillery activity on the Verdun front during the night was reported by the war office today. Elsewhere the night was quiet.

MONASTERY DESTROYED

Oka, Quebec, Dec. 27.—Fire of unknown origin today destroyed the monastery of the Pulpit Monks here. The loss will reach \$250,000.

FEARED HE WOULD GO BLIND, TAKES HIS LIFE

Portland Young Man Com-
mits Suicide in
Denver.

(Special to The Herald)

Portland, Me., Dec. 27.—Fearing that he would soon go blind and be unable to marry Miss Hazel Homans, daughter of Robert Homans, caused J. Edmund Moseley, a Portland young man to commit suicide in Denver. Moseley took cyanide of potassium at the hotel where he was staying. Notes were left for the authorities as to the disposal of his body, and one to Miss Homans whom it is understood he was engaged to, although the engagement had never been announced. Miss Homans was reported as prostrated at Trevelyan apartments on Congress street.

RUSSIAN PRESS BACKS UP THE GOVERNMENT

Believes That President Wil-
son's Note Was Sent at
the Wrong Time.

(Special to The Herald)

Petrograd, Dec. 27.—The Russian press strongly back up the government in rejecting German peace overtures. The Novo Vremya, which frequently reflects the attitude of the Russian government, takes the attitude that the Wilson note was sent at the wrong time and that it should be courteously answered and firmly in the negative.

MEXICANS FIRE ACROSS THE BORDER

Make Attack on American
Troops on Christ-
mas Eve.

(Special to The Herald)

Washington, Dec. 27.—Confirmation of Mexican attacks on American soldiers on Christmas eve were received by the department today. Between 100 and 200 machine bullets was the reply of the Americans, according to the message of Gen. George Bell from El Paso.



Forecast for Portsmouth and Vicinity—Wednesday becoming unsettled, followed by snow; warmer; Thursday rain or snow; increasing northeast to southeast winds.

Sun. Rise.....	7:13
Sun. Sets.....	4:18
Length of Day.....	9:05
High Tide.....	12:41 am, 1:00 pm
Low Tide.....	5:08 am, 5:08 pm
Light Automobile Lamps at.....	1:45 pm

BURKE-CHAMBERLAIN

The marriage of Miss Mable Chamberlain of Wolfboro and Captain James Burke, keeper of the Nubble lighthouse at York Beach, took place at Wolfboro on Tuesday, the ceremony being performed by Rev. C. S. Rogersville. After a reception Captain and Mrs. Burke left for their new home at York Beach.

John Goodrich who has been passing two weeks with his father Levi Goodrich at Kittery, left on Tuesday for Hingham, Mass., to resume his duties in the Hingham Journal office.

THIRTY LIVES LOST IN FLOOD SWEEP SECTION

Details are Lacking Owing to Telegraph
and Telephone Service Being Inter-
rupted in Arkansas.

(Special to The Herald)

Little Rock, Dec. 27.—Indications today are that more than thirty persons lost their lives in the flood that swept southern central Arkansas late yesterday. Details began trickling in today on wires that had been replaced during the early morning hours, but details are lacking as to the direct count of casualties.

THE JURORS SELECTED FOR SMALL TRIAL

Mrs. Elizabeth Perry and Daughter Norma
Mother and Sister of Slain Woman
Will Testify at Murder Trial.

(Special to The Herald)

Ossipee, Dec. 27.—The advance guard of the 103 witnesses summoned by the state to testify against Frederick L. Small, who is on trial here for the murder of his wife included Mrs. Elizabeth M. Perry and daughter Norma of Boston, mother and sister of the murdered woman. As the two women entered the court room there was a buzz of excitement. There was a tinge of color in Small's face when his eyes rested on his wife's relatives. It now seems certain that Small will testify in his own behalf. Up to noon ten jurors had been selected from 60 takersmen examined.

JURY IS COMPLETED.

Ossipee, Dec. 27, 2 p. m.—The jury which is to try Frederick L. Small for the murder of his wife was completed at 12:55. This afternoon the jurors viewed the scene of the tragedy. Judge Kivel appointed Elmer L. Berry foreman of the jury. The taking of evidence will commence tomorrow. It was learned today that a chemical analysis of the stomach of Mrs. Small revealed the fact that her last meal consisted of roast beef and cucumbers. This is considered important, as Small claimed that he and his wife ate a lunch of canned shrimp before he left for Boston.

GERMANS NOW CONTROL THE DANUBE

(Special to The Herald)

Berlin, Dec. 27.—Russian positions in Bessarabia are being bombarded from the Roumanian side of the Danube, says a dispatch from the Roumanian front today. All of the Danube river is now controlled by the German forces except the small strip between Braila and Iasi and on the Rila arm, one of the three divisions of the stream at its confluence with the Black sea.

COURT APPOINTS COUNTY SOLICITORS

The judges of the New Hampshire superior court have agreed upon the appointment of Attorney William W. Thayer as solicitor of Merrimack county to succeed Robert C. Murchie, resigned. The appointment will be made January 1, as the resignation of Mr. Murchie will take effect on that date. Mr. Murchie having been elected to the legislature. Mr. Thayer was elected to the solicitorship in November and in the ordinary course of events would take office April 1. "Eddie" Daley, the former Portsmouth football and baseball captain, now a voter of North Stratford, has been appointed to the court register of deeds of Coos county, succeeding Eugene Rowell, who died recently at the state hospital in Concord. Mr. Daley was elected as register on Nov. 7, Mr. Rowell's death following soon

CAN BARGAIN TO BETTER ADVANTAGE

If German Peace Terms Are
Not Known, It Is
Claimed.

(Special to The Herald)

Bern, Switzerland, Dec. 27.—To make known her peace terms at this time would seriously weaken Germany's position according to diplomats. German statesmen can bargain to better advantage if her exact terms are unknown. Neutral diplomats declare Germany will parley on the basis of the present war map and it is equally evident that the Allies will not listen to any such terms. The developments of the past few days convince many that the war will continue indefinitely.

MUCH ANXIETY OVER MEXICAN SITUATION

Washington Officials Admit
General Situation Is Cause
for Alarm.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Administration officials admitted today that the general situation in Mexico was causing the gravest concern. Secretary Lane of the American commission sent out a call to the other members to determine what course of action to take. They will meet as soon as possible, and also confer with the President.

ALUMNI MEETS

Business Manager Keyes Will
Be Guest of Portsmouth-
Dartmouth Club.

The second annual banquet of the Portsmouth-Dartmouth Alumni club will be held at the Stockingham tonight and it is expected that between fifty and sixty will gather around the festive board. A very interesting program has been arranged by the committee in charge. A telegram was received this morning by Col. John H. Bartlett, president of the club from Business Manager Homer E. Keyes of Dartmouth, stating he would be present as the guest of the club.

COMMENCED ICE CUTTING.

Charles E. Hodgdon, the Woodbury avenue ice dealer, on Wednesday began cutting his first crop of ice. The ice is eight inches thick and clear as a crystal.

NOTICE—DANCE AT ELIOT.

There will be a dance at Grange hall Thursday evening; same music, same management.

WOMEN WHO WEAR "LaCamille" FRONT LACE CORSETS



know what it means to be correctly corseted. They enjoy the ultimate of figure improvement, their health is promoted, and they are at all times perfectly comfortable.

Ask your family physician and he will tell you that the

Ventilo

back is a scientific feature which prevents pressure on the spinous processes, while insuring ventilation, and that the Ventilo front shield should be in every front lace corset, for it prevents the laces from scoring the flesh, and allows greater range of adjustment.

Model 355C illustrated, is a model for figures which are a trifle short and stout. It is made of fine strong Coutil, has an elastic section at bottom of back, 10½ inch clasp. Will compare favorably with other front lacing corsets at \$5.00, and the price is only \$3.50.

Many other models in LaCamille corsets take care of all types of figures, and are priced to fit all pocket-books. Won't you allow our corsetiere to prove to you the superiority of La Camille?

GEO. B. FRENCH CO.

MARK DOWN SALE OF SUITS, COATS & FURS

Begins Tuesday Morning

This is your chance to save
money

L. E. STAPLES, MARKET ST.

WARNS OF VAST INFLUX OF UNFIT AFTER THE WAR

New York, Dec. 27.—Vaster hordes of immigrants will enter the United States as soon as the war ends than ever before in our history, Professor Robert De C. Ward, of Harvard University, told the American Genetic Association, meeting in connection with the American Association for the Advancement of Science, here today.

These immigrants, he continued, will be of a distinctively lower type on the average than the newcomers of before the war. For that reason the immigration laws must be strictly enforced. The unfit must be barred out, he warned, or the American race will deteriorate.

Professor Ward said: "The demoralization of industry, the breaking up of homes, the greatly increased burdens of taxation, the desire to fly from future wars, the geographical and political readjustments following the war, which may easily lead to widespread discontent and even hardship; the desire of the foreign-born already in the United States to bring to America relatives and friends who are still left abroad—these and other causes will operate to bring us an increase in immigration which is likely to surpass anything that we have ever known."

"Fly from the horrors of war; escape your taxes; go to a country where there are no wars; where there is no standing army; where wages are high and work is plenty; go to America! That is what steamship agents and runners will be saying all over Europe."

"On the other hand, of course, there will be tendencies which may operate to cut down immigration from certain European countries. Thousands of men will have been killed in action and will have died of wounds or disease. An enormous amount of constructive work will have to be done, in rebuilding and repairing what the war will have damaged or destroyed. Immense numbers of workmen will be needed for these enterprises."

"Owing to the thinning of the ranks of the most efficient laborers, by death or by injury, during the war, wages may perhaps rise, but whether the impoverished nations of Europe will be able to compete with our American

wages, and thus keep their people at home, yet remains to be seen.

"That there will be any considerable emigration from the United States of aliens going home to rehabilitate their native countries is extremely unlikely. American wages will keep them here."

"The work of reconstruction after the war will go on most actively in northern and western Europe. It is in these countries that there will inevitably be the most immediate and best paid opportunities for the largest number of laborers. And it is, therefore, from these same countries that we are likely to see the greatest falling off in immigration."

"On the other hand, in southern and eastern Europe and western Asia, there will not be the same organized reconstructive work. From these countries, therefore, so largely in the more primitive condition of agriculture, the forces tending to promote emigration will be operative to a much greater degree than ever before."

"Balancing the reasons for a possible decrease in our immigration after the war against those which will bring about an increase, the weight of probability is strongly on the side of a marked increase."

"The fittest, mentally and physically; those who in the past have had the initiative and the courage to emigrate, will be dead, at the prime of life, or will be needed at home to carry on the work of rebuilding and reorganization. These are the men whom Europe will do its utmost to keep at home. The least fit are most likely to emigrate."

"War, as Dr. David Starr Jordan strikingly puts it, 'impoverishes the breed.' The strongest and best men are the ones who are killed or injured, and who leave few or no children. The weaklings live, marry and continue the race. The French and German babies of 1870-71 who came into the world as soldiers twenty years later, were found to be an inferior lot of men. The Japanese children born at the time of the war between China and Japan, twenty years ago, became conscripts in 1915. A lowering in the quality of the new soldiers was distinctly observable."

the leaders agree, probably would lean toward a Republican candidate, if convinced of his progressivism. Fuller, Independent, of Massachusetts also is classed as a Republican hope.

Martha of Louisiana, Progressive, comes from a large sugar district in Louisiana and has indicated that assurance of protection of the sugar interests will be his first concern in voting on the organization. He formerly was a Democrat however, and Democratic leaders hope to get his vote. At the same time Republicans think he can be convinced that their party is the only one which has his sugar interests at heart.

Contests in which certificates have not been issued are on in the 23d Pennsylvania district, where Representative Burchfield is contesting the election of Gay E. Campbell, who on the face of the returns won by 46 votes in the third New Jersey district, where Representative Scully is opposing the election of Robert Carson, a newly now is reported to have a lead of 125 votes on the recount, but there still are about 3000 votes to be passed upon by the courts. At least 20 seats it is said, will be contested in the house after it is organized.

Should the Republicans seat both of their contestants and hold their membership solid for their candidate they would need only two independent votes to win the speakership while the Democrats would need five. On the other hand should the Democrats win the contested seats, the Republicans would need four independent votes, while the Democrats would win three votes.

There is no question about the Democrats voting solidly for Speaker Clark, but there are some signs of strife among the Republicans. Representative Gardner already has announced his opposition to Representative Mann. Every effort will be made by leaders, however, to have the solid support of the Republicans assured in conference before voting starts. Representative Gardner, who announced yesterday that he would seek to obtain a Republican conference "to formulate a Republican policy" for the future activ-

ty of the party in the house, did not visit the capitol today. Mr. Mann was there however, and tonight he expressed the view that the Republicans would stand united at least in the organization of the house.

"I have nothing to say about the speakership matter or the Gardner episode," he said, "except that I will hope that the President in some way through God's Providence may aid in bringing about a peace which shall be lasting and permanent and provide for disarmament and the removal of the heavy burdens of military and naval preparedness and if I can in the slightest degree assist to bring about such a result I would rather do that than to be speaker."

"The charge of Mr. Gardner that I am for Prussian and Prussianism is of course utterly untrue. I am for America first, last and all the time and do not take sides in the European war. In Mr. Gardner's opinion that is my offense."

"I suppose it is inevitable that in the present situation in regard to political control of the house every man who gets a grouse will be tempted to bluster around and say that he will not play unless he can have his own way. That is always one of the results of a very narrow margin of votes. But in the end I think the Republicans will have the good sense to get together and act as a united party at least in the organization of the house."

Representative Lehman of Wisconsin whom Gardner will support for speaker, had no comment to make on the situation.

OUTDOOR SHOWMEN TO BANQUET

New York, Dec. 27.—The Outdoor Showmen of the World will hold a Christmas dinner and ball in the Hotel Astor tonight. Outdoor showmen, circus managers, exposition directors, innkeepers of parks and beach resorts, the carnival men, the secretaries and other officers of the great State fairs will be present.

Among the sponsors are John Ringling, who heads the list of honorary vice-presidents; E. P. Albee, who years ago was, with his old partner, B. F. Keith, a knight of the white tops, and William H. Donkinson, publisher.

The dance and special entertainment will be under the supervision of Otto Karst, ballet master of the Metropolitan Opera House, who stages the great ballets for both the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey circuses.

KITTERY POINT

Kittery Point, Dec. 27. The S. V. club will meet with Miss Gustie Phillips on Friday evening. Mr. Walter Series of Boston is visiting his sister, Mrs. Roscoe Anderson.

Miss Eleanor Lambert of New Hampshire college is passing the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Lambert of the Harbor road. Mrs. J. R. Safford is visiting her sister Mrs. W. N. Kimball of Wintthrop, Me.

Mr. Edward Phillips has returned to his home in Boston after passing Christmas day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Getchell and little son Horace passed Christmas day with relatives in Dover. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Frisbee and baby of Beverly, Mass., have returned to their home after visiting Mrs. Josephine Frisbee.

Miss Mary Bond of Boston passed the week-end and holiday with her parents on the Creek road.

Mrs. Clifford Call who is seriously ill remains about the same.

Mr. Charles Davis has returned to Boston after visiting his daughter Mrs. Charles Perry for a few days.

"The Ladies' Aid of the Free Baptist church will be omitted this week."

Miss Sarah Mills of Salem, Mass., is passing a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Mills at Ash-Knoll Farm.

Mrs. Edward Bayless has returned to her home in Everett, Mass., after spending a few days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wentworth Seaward.

Miss Edith Night of Dorchester, Mass., is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Edith Mills at Ash-Knoll Farm.

Mr. Abram Seaward has returned from Pigeon Cove, Mass., where he has been passing a week with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Short of the Haley road have been entertaining the former's father from Groveland, Mass., over the holidays.

Miss Emma Spencer has returned to the Baptist parsonage after spending a few days with relatives at South Berwick.

Rev. E. W. Cummings left today for Boston where he will visit relatives until Friday.

TO LET—House in desirable location, furnished. Address C. Herald office.

PLANNING GREAT NAVAL DEMONSTRATION

Government to Celebrate Acquisition of Danish West Indies.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Plans for a great naval demonstration to signalize American acquisition of the Danish West Indies are being considered by state and navy department officials. Probably the entire Atlantic fleet will be ordered to St. Thomas, the long sought naval base site, to participate in the celebration.

Minister Brun of Denmark formally advised the state department yesterday that the treaty for the sale of the islands had been approved by King Christian and would be dispatched from Copenhagen Dec. 30. It should reach here two weeks later for Secretary Lansing's signature.

The Atlantic fleet will mobilize at Guantanamo, Cuba for winter maneuvers next month and will be reviewed there by Assistant Secretary Roosevelt. Mr. Roosevelt, who will be on his way to inspect the naval forces at Haiti and San Domingo, may take charge of the ceremonies at St. Thomas.

KITTERY

Kittery, Dec. 27, 1916. Mr. George Crowell is very ill at his home at the Intervene.

A watch night service will be held on Sunday evening at the Government Street Methodist Church. The regular vesper service at 7 o'clock will be omitted, but beginning at 7:30 the following program will be carried out: 7:30, Installation of Epworth League officers, with address by D. Stanley Evans of Portland; 8:30, sermon by the pastor, Rev. William Forgrave; 9:30, regular Epworth League meeting; Edward H. Malby, leader; 10:15, social hour; refreshments will be served; 11:15, consecration service, ending at 12:05.

John Goodrich of Hingham, Mass., who has been passing two weeks' vacation with his father, Levi L. Goodrich of Rogers road, has returned to his work.

Regular meeting this evening of Whipple Lodge, I. O. G. T., at Grange hall.

Lloyd Shapleigh of Allston, Mass., passed Christmas with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Shapleigh of Wentworth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Anderson of Portland have been passing a few days with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson of Wentworth street.

Mrs. Fannie Y. Fernald is restricted to her home on Newmarket street by illness.

Miss Doris M. Sprague of Government street passed the week-end and holiday with friends in Lynn, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Windrich of Love have passed Christmas with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Donnell of New Haven.

Walter Wiley has been passing a few days with his mother at South Berwick.

Charles Rudolph of Philadelphia passed Christmas in town with his family.

Mrs. Joseph Bridges of York was a visitor in town on Monday.

Mrs. Edmund Delaney of the Intervene entertained her brother, from New York over the holiday.

Leslie Henney of Central street left Tuesday morning for New York city where he will be the guest of Boatswain and Mrs. Frederick Muller.

William Williams of Love lane passed the week-end and holiday with friends in Boston.

Mrs. Mary Webb of Kennebunk has been passing a few days with her sister, Mrs. Richard Rogers of Rogers road.

J. Everett Nicholson passed the week-end and holiday with his parents in Lynn, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Baker of Otis avenue entertained her mother and sisters, Mrs. Lee and daughters, Ruth and Besse of Boston, over the holidays.

There will be a baptism at the Middle Street Baptist church on Sunday next at 3 p. m.

Mrs. Raymond Gerry of Mangan avenue is entertaining her cousin, Miss Rena Pillsbury of Otis, N. J.

Frank Morris of Otis avenue passed the week-end and holiday at his home in Lawrence, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Webber and little son Gordon of Manchester, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Webber of Skinsdon street.

The Riverside Reading Club meets Friday afternoon with Mrs. Charles Wisnagat of Rogers road.

Mr. John Strong of Otis avenue passed Christmas day in York.

A regular meeting of Earnest Workers, Juvenile Templars, was held this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Wigle, who were married in Niagara Falls at noon on Christmas day, arrived in Kittery on Tuesday and have taken rooms on Otis avenue.

Riverside Lodge of Odd Fellows has

selected the following officers for the coming year: Noble grand, Asher B. Damon; vice grand, Elmer R. Pruett; recording secretary, Leon E. Robbins; financial secretary, Walter L. Luttis; treasurer, Leslie I. Williams.

It is desired that all who have books belonging to the Rice Public Library return them tomorrow in order that the stocktaking may be finished.

The Ladies' Social Circle will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Sarah Trefethen of Walker street.

The marriage of Alice Elizabeth Mills, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mills, and Henry Burton Balsey, occurred at the home of the bride's parents at the Intervene at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, the ceremony being performed by Rev. John Walworth. The bride was attended by her sister, Leone H. Mills, and the groom had as his best man Hugh W. Montgomery, U. S. N. After a short trip to Boston and vicinity they will make their home at New Haven, Conn., where the groom is employed at the Winchester Arms Co.

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Relieve Your Liver

ASKS MEETING WITH ALLIES TO DECLARE PEACE

Kaiser Agrees to Wilson Plan to Co-operate in Effort to End War-- Terms in Neutral's Hands.

Berlin, via Sayville wireless, Dec. 26.—Germany today proposed a meeting of delegates of belligerents in her answer to President Wilson's peace note. Her formal reply to the American peace suggestion was made in a note handed to United States Ambassador Gerard at Berlin, and at the same time to the American diplomatic representatives at the capitals of the other central powers—Vienna, Sofia and Constantinople.

The note also hints that the "great work of the prevention of future wars can be begun only after the end of the present struggle of nations," and declares: "When this moment shall have come Germany will be ready with pleasure to collaborate entirely with the United States in this exalted task."

The German note holds the "most appropriate road to reach the desired result" is an immediate meeting of delegates of belligerent states at a neutral place.

Considering Wilson's Note
The text read: "The high-minded suggestion made by the President of the United States of America in order to create a basis for the establishment of lasting peace has been received and considered by the imperial government in the friendly spirit which was expressed in the President's communication."

"The President points out that which he has at heart and leaves open the choice of the road."

"To the imperial government the immediate exchange of views seems the most appropriate road in order to reach the desired result. It therefore begs, in the guise of its declaration made on Dec. 12, which offered its hand for peace negotiations, to propose immediate meeting of delegates of the belligerent states at a neutral place."

"Also, the imperial government is of the opinion that the great work of prevention of future wars can be begun only after the end of the present struggle of the nations."

"It will (namely, the German government), when this moment shall have come, be ready with pleasure to collaborate entirely with the United States at this exalted task."

The answer finishes with the usual terms of international politeness.

Peace Terms in Neutral Hands
Rome, Dec. 26.—Germany handed to the neutral nations whose services she asked in forwarding peace suggestions to her enemies a sealed packet containing the specific terms on which she was willing to make peace, according to a report in circulation here today.

Ready if Asked For
The report had it that this packet was sent with instructions that it was only to be read and forwarded to Germany's enemies of the entente in case these powers, answering Germany's proffers, actually requested terms. Otherwise, it was to be returned unopened. The same report declared in the case of the note submitted to Pope

vice on payment of dues, but it has requested Sec. Baker to communicate with each "in order that his willingness to render service can be made use of by the Government, through the Officers' Reserve Corps, enlisted men's reserve corps or in such other ways as the Council for National Defense may devise."

Members desiring "to render further individual service," are urged to join the American National Red Cross.

STATE COLLEGE ANNOUNCES ITS SHORT COURSES

TEN WEEKS OF SPECIAL AGRICULTURAL INSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN JANUARY 2

In order to enable young men and women and older men and women who live on farms an opportunity to acquaint themselves with the latest and most improved methods of farming the New Hampshire State College at Durham will open its short courses in January. In the past it has been found that farmers were unable to leave their duties in the spring, summer, or autumn months and this year they will be held during the winter when most can find time to slip away for a week or two. The short courses are open to any one over sixteen years of age and no examinations are required. They are especially designed to benefit the farmer, his son, wife and daughter.

Tuition Free to Residents
Residents of New Hampshire are allowed to attend these courses with out the payment of tuition while non-residents are charged a fee of \$2.00 for each of the one-week courses and \$10.00 for the five-week dairy course. Board and room will cost between \$5.00 and \$6.00 a week, and other expenses, including books, should not exceed \$5.00.

The courses are divided as follows:
1. Farmers' Week, Jan. 2 to 6.
2. Hay and Forage Crops, Jan. 8 to 12.
3. Orcharding, Jan. 15 to 20.
4. Grain and Potatoes, Jan. 22 to 27.
5. Small Fruits and Vegetables, Jan. 29 to Feb. 3.
6. Dairy Course (five weeks) Feb. 5 to March 9.

London now regards it as having been sent with the main purpose of forcing Germany to state her peace terms and to carry the implication that unless these terms are "satisfactory" America may enter the war on the side of the allies.

There was, however, considerable court as to this report or as to the official view on the peace suggestions contained in President Wilson's note. It was apparent, however, that Italian officialdom is puzzled by the American suggestion, considering there is some diplomatic secret behind it.

The Italian press today continued its speculation concerning President Wilson's step and found countless possible motives as impelling it. These range all the way from belief that it was inspired by "Secretary Lansing's pro-Germanism," down to the possibility of this being the first step in America entering the war.

THE AMERICAN LEGION CEASES

TURN OVER ITS RECORDS TO COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND WILL DISINCORPORATE JAN. 1

New York, Dec. 26.—Acting under the direction of Sec. of War Baker, the American Legion, formed in February 1915, to classify men of military and technical experience as a defense measure, has turned over its records to the Council of National Defense, of which Sec. Baker is chairman, and will disincorporate Jan. 1.

The American Legion, in making this announcement today, says its 24,000 enrolled members will be "released from all obligations of promise or ser-

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STORM RUMAN TOWN AT POINT OF BAYONET

GERMANS CAPTURE POSITION WHICH THEY SAY WAS TENACIOUSLY DEFENDED.

Berlin, via Sayville wireless, Dec. 26.—German and Austro-Hungarian troops stormed at the point of the bayonet the tenaciously defended village of Filippst in Wallachia, today's official statement announced.

"During engagements on the great Wallachia plain and on the edge of the mountain south of Rimpeul-Sarut during the last few days, 5500 Russians have been taken prisoner."

"Yesterday an often-tried German division, with annexed Austro-Hungarian battalions, stormed at the point of the bayonet the tenaciously defended village of Filippst on the railroad from Iuzau to Braila, and on both sides of the village the strongly entrenched Russian positions."

Austrians Sink Two Hostile Boats in Raid.

Berlin, via Sayville wireless, Dec. 26.—Four Austro-Hungarian destroyers made a successful raid in the straits of Otranto, sank two patrol boats, and on the way back, routed six enemy destroyers of superior type and speed, a Vienna official statement declared today.

"On the night of Dec. 23-25," the statement said, "four Austro-Hungarian destroyers, on a raid in the Otranto straits, sank two armed patrol boats after artillery combat."

"On the way back," the statement continued, "at least six hostile destroyers of greater size and speed, evidently of the Indomito class, blocked the way of our squadron. A violent artillery combat ensued."

"One of the hostile destroyers was set afire and three others were several times hit at short range."

"The enemy's sea forces, among which there was one vessel of stronger unknown type, were routed."

"Of our destroyers, one received two hits in the funnel, another was hit in the superstructure."

"Our losses were one man dead, none wounded."

British Destroy Hostile Force in Egypt
London, Dec. 26.—Practical destruction of the enemy's forces in the engagement Saturday at Maghabah, Egypt, was announced by the war office today. Of the enemy, 1500 were taken prisoner.

Further southward enemy defenses west of Mitla pass were destroyed with other camps in that neighborhood. Roumans Repel Foe in Fierce Counter Attacks.

Petrograd, Dec. 26.—Fierce fighting is in progress at the source of the river Suhlitz, in the region of Pragas lutz, where Roumanian troops, by counter attacks, repelled German advances and captured three machine guns, today's official statement asserted.

At the source of the river Rianik advanced Russian posts were pressed back to withdraw to main positions.

British Patrols Repulsed
Berlin, via Sayville wireless, Dec. 26.—Repeated repulse of British patrols was reported in today's official statement, detailing fighting activity on the western front.

Artillery activity has increased at some sections of the Ypres front, on both sides of the canal, Labasse and west of Lens.

DEWEY IS 79

Washington.—Admiral Dewey was 79 years old today, and Secretary Daniels read him part of a diary kept by an officer of the Colorado, dated Dec. 26, 1898, which told how 1st Lt. George Dewey made the Christmas season on that old frigate happy by giving each bluejacket a bottle of wine.

SOCIAL BETTERMENT LEADERS IN CONVENTION

Columbus, O., Dec. 27.—Many of America's most eminent public men will take part in the joint sessions started here today by the American Economic Association, the American Sociological Society, the American Statistical Association and the American Association for Labor Legislation. They will discuss social, industrial and economic changes expected to follow the European war.

Today's program includes these addresses: "The National Point of View in Economics," by Professor Thomas N. Carver, of Harvard, president of the American Economic Association; "The Countrywide and the Nation," by Geo. E. Vincent, head of the Rockefeller Institute and president of the American Sociological Society; "Opportunities for Practical Work by the Statistical Association," by its president, Dr. Charles P. Neill; "The Need for Health Insurance," by Professor Irving Fisher, head of the science of political economy at Yale, who is president of the American Association for Labor Legislation.

Rural conditions and the high cost of living will be discussed. Particular attention will be given to the social, financial and producing aspects of rural life. These subjects will be discussed by E. Dana Durand, former director of the Census Bureau, now professor of statistics and agricultural

economics, University of Minnesota; C. W. Thompson, United States Department of Agriculture; Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Carl Vrooman and Professor Edward A. Ross, University of Wisconsin.

The gold supply, immigration, attitude of the governments toward industry, redistribution of labor now making war supplies and accounting and industrial preparedness will be discussed at a joint dinner Friday evening, Dec. 29. The speakers, who will deal primarily with what the United States will have to face after the European war, will be:

Roger W. Babson, statistician of Wall Street, Mass.; W. Jett Lauck, managing expert and consulting statistician, United States Commission on Industrial Relations; T. S. Adams, professor of political economy at Yale; Mrs. Hayland H. Lund, of New York City; and John H. Wildman, New York University.

Chairman Edward H. Hurley, of the Federated Trade Commission; Royal Meeker, United States Commissioner of Labor Statistics; and Julius H. Farnmeyer, Bureau of Railway Economics, are scheduled to speak at the several annual meetings of these four organizations here. The Rev. W. O. Thompson, president of Ohio State University, will preside at the joint sessions.

Before an audience of nearly 300 the Bates College Musical Clubs, under the management of Roger B. Flske, 1917, presented an enjoyable concert program at the benefit concert and dance of the B. H. S. Class of 1917, in Freeman's Hall Tuesday evening. The Bates College Musical Clubs include the glee club and mandolin club, and their several numbers were rendered under the direction of Perley W. Lunt and George T. Pendelow, respectively, leaders of the clubs and both members of the senior class of the college. The program was in two parts with seven numbers in each and the audience was fully appreciative of the high class of entertainment offered by the Lewiston musicians. Each of the numbers were applauded heartily and several encores were given in response. The concert and dance was a benefit for the senior class proceeds to be used toward defraying the expenses of commencement. The affair was one of the big social successes of this class, made so by the untiring efforts of each of its members.

Mayor Ladd and Mrs. Andrew G. Cuswell, Headmaster Frank P. Dunfield, and Mrs. Dunfield acted as patrons and received the guests.

Following the concert the floor was cleared for dancing and more than 100 couples enjoyed this until 1:00 o'clock this morning. The floor was in charge of the officers of the high school senior class assisted by other members: Theodore H. Butler, president; Miss Edith M. Gibson, vice president; Jennie Lynn, secretary; and Harold W. Hodgdon, treasurer; aids, Mark Neville, Edna Good and Constance Brackbill.

The class program was artistically printed by the High School Press, one of the latest departments in the manual training classes of the high school. Wesley Smith, Harold Woods, Morris Shapley, Abraham Cullen, Albert Cull, Philip Hodgdon, Ralph Holland and Paul Donovan, members of the High School Junior class, acted as ushers during the concert. The music for the dancing was furnished by Mardeen's Orchestra. Mrs. Clara Wentworth Mardeen, directing. Refreshments were served during intermission, Andrew Jarvis catering.

The program:

Part One	Kucken
Loyal Song	Glee Club
Dance of the Moths	Weldt
Mandolin Club	
Mile Quartet	
Messrs. Sherman, Quackenbush, Lane	
Renwick	
Reading	Mr. Bacon, 17
Piano Solo	
Vocal Solo	
Lovely Night	Chwatal
Glee Club	
Part Two	
Yankee Dandy	Weldt
Mandolin Club	
Mile Quartet	
Reading	Mr. Bacon, 17
Vocal Solo	Mr. Renwick, 18
Mandolin Barcarole	Offenbach
Winter Song	Hillard
Glee Club	
Bates Color March	Pendelow 17 and Lane 17
Alma Mater	Blake and Davis

MANCHESTER FIREMEN RETIRED ON AGE LIMIT

Manchester, Dec. 26.—Chief Thomas W. Lann of the fire department threw a bomb shell into the ranks of his men

LITTLE BOWERY HAD BANQUET AND TREE CELEBRATION

ENJOYABLE STAG PARTY AT THEIR QUARTERS LAST EVENING HELD BY LIVE ORGANIZATION.

A banquet and Christmas tree was held by the Little Bowery Athletic Club on Tuesday evening at their home on Cabot street with about forty members and guests present. Edward Lamonde, president of the organization, presided as toastmaster and remarks were made by the president, Harry Dowdell, Oscar Pinkham, Louis Soule, William Linchey and Eben H. Blaisdell who was one of the invited guests.

This live organization is planning a number of social events for the coming season and plans for some of them were discussed at this time. Following the serving of the dinner, a great amount of amusement was occasioned by the presentation of the numerous gifts by Santa Claus. There was a present for each and each present gilded, all good naturedly, but still with a little rib at the recipient's weakness.

The menu:

Roast Chicken	Squash
Olives	Ice Cream and Cake
Cranberry Sauce	Tonlo
Marbled Potatoes	Dilled Onions
Coffee	Cigars

CARPENTERS SHARE SON ON THE HOLIDAY.

Concord, Dec. 26.—Major and Mrs. Ralph G. Carpenter, who, following the long divorce case in which a decree was granted to the major and then revoked are now awaiting a court decision as to the permanent custody of their son, Ralph, Jr., shared the privilege of the boy's company yesterday. Major Carpenter made his third visit within a week to the Eagle Hotel to see the boy, who, after passing 15 months at his grandparents' home, in Walpole, is now with his mother in this city for a month. Major Carpenter came up from Boston on the noon train and arrived at the hotel just as Mrs. Carpenter and the boy were passing out of the rotunda to leave for the lunch. The return trip will be made in the afternoon, after the members have enjoyed a little bit of every-kind of outdoor sport.

MEASLES

El Paso.—Three hundred recruits for the regular army on the border and in Mexico were quarantined at Fort Bliss today because five were found to have measles.

More snow is promised, but the promise of warmer weather is entirely welcome.

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STEALING TO SEE SUNDAY

The Saco, Me., boy who stole \$16 to defray the expense of a trip to Boston to hear Billy Sunday and the Milford, N. H., man, who raised a check for \$2.75 to obtain funds for the same purpose, evidently believed in doing evil that good may come. It is to be hoped that sufficient good to compensate did come, though it may be very much doubted.—Somersworth Free Press.

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NOT TO DISCHARGE HELP THIS YEAR.

Boston, Dec. 27.—The annual discharge of thousands of store girls and extra clerks which takes place after the Christmas shopping season will not occur to any great extent this year. The cause of this is that the shortage of labor has convinced department stores and wholesale houses that to replace their extra help later in the season will be too impossible. For this reason the extra help will be carried on the payrolls for a few weeks at a loss until such time as they are needed and needed badly. The yearly sales come within a few weeks and then the department stores send out appeals for thousands of extra clerks. Those who have worked during the Christmas rush season are generally available. This year the shortage of help is so great that the big houses were barely able to fill the extra lists and now that this help has once been secured the heads of the big establishments are going to hold their help until late in the spring. Many of the wholesale houses have carried their extra employees during the Christmas shopping when business in the wholesale places is practically at a standstill until the spring rush of goods comes directly after the beginning of the year. This they have done as a precautionary measure as they felt convinced that once their employees were allowed to go they would not be able to get them back owing to the scarcity of help.

Read the Want Ads.

VILLA FORCES CAPTURE SAN LUIS POTOSI

Believed Tampico Objective Point, Where He Can Import Supplies.

El Paso, Dec. 27.—A report was received into yesterday by sources known to be close to Francisco Villa and by government agents saying that Villa's forces captured San Luis Potosi yesterday.

Many foreigners who left Tampico before Villa attacked that town recently went to San Luis Potosi. No details were available.

NAVAL TRAINING FOR 10,000 MEN

Chances To Be Offered Civilian During Coming Year.

Washington, Dec. 27.—An opportunity for 10,000 civilians to receive naval training during the coming year will be offered under navy department plans completed yesterday contemplating the use of 12 reserve battle-ships for summer training cruise, the establishment of coast training camps at San Francisco, Chicago, Norfolk, Newport and probably Pensacola and the organization of motorboat squadrons made up of owners of private motor craft.

A tentative schedule drawn up by the department provides for the opening of the camps and the start of the cruise on July 2, the training course of each instance to extend until Aug. 4.

Mobilization of motorboat squadrons for maneuvers would take place early in September. A winter training

course preliminary to the summer cruise would be provided those applying on board designated battleships at Philadelphia and New York.

The summer training cruise, which will be similar to the John Paul Jones cruise of last summer, in which about 2,000 civilians were given training, probably will be held again this year, coincidentally with a naval war game. Training at the camps will be similar to that given apprentice seamen for one month.

The cost to each man will be about \$80 but congress will be asked to authorize enrollment of those who qualify in the naval volunteer reserve for one year with a provision that their expenses for transportation to and from the camps and for subsistence would be met by the government. At present there is no authority under which the civilians can bind themselves for war service.

In organizing the motorboat patrol squadrons the department will carry into effect the provisions of the last naval bill, authorizing the formation of a naval coast defense reserve. Motorboat owners and operators taking part in these maneuvers will be asked to join the permanent reserve, which is designed to furnish the navy with a fleet of fast, armed motor auxiliaries for use along the coasts and particularly adapted for attacking submarines. During the maneuvers fuel oil will be furnished by the government.

OBSEQUIES.

Myra A. Hammond

The remains of Myra A. Hammond who died in New Bedford arrived in this city on Tuesday and funeral services were held from the home of Edgar Hammond at Elliot on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Condon officiating. Interment was in Holt Hill cemetery in charge of Undertaker Parker.

Mary Wallis Waldron

The remains of Mary Wallis Waldron who died in New York Dec. 22, aged 86 years, 2 months, 22 days, arrived in this city on Tuesday and committal services were held at the graves in South cemetery by Rev. C. Le V. Brine. Interment was under the direction of Undertaker A. T. Parker.

READY FOR THE EATS

Members-elect of the legislature may be interested to know that mere plans for feeding them, and feeding them well, are being made in Concord this winter than ever before.—Concord Monitor.

GEOLOGISTS IN CONVENTION AT ALBANY

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Geologists representing every State in the Union, many of them of international reputation, gathered here today for the annual meetings of the Geological Society of America, the Paleontological Society and the Association of American State Geologists. The sessions will continue three days. A principal subject will be the geology of petroleum.

NAVY YARD NOTES

Vessel Movements

Arapahoe and the Cheyenne arrived at Mare Island.
Arizona, Hentley and Panther arrived at Tompkinsville.
Bushmoh, K-5, L-1, L-2, L-3, L-4 and L-9 arrived at Key West.
Denver arrived at Corinto.
Eagle and Hamibal arrived at Guantanamo.
Hancock and Montana arrived at Philadelphia.
Jason and New Hampshire arrived at San Domingo.
Leonidas arrived at Cristobal.
Nereus, Rocket and Parker arrived at Norfolk.
Saturn arrived at San Francisco.
Storling arrived at Segway's Point.
Texas and Wilkes arrived at New York.
Glacier sailed from Salina Cruz for San Diego.
L-10, L-11 and Ozark sailed from Boston for Key West.
Nashua sailed from San Diego for San Francisco.
The Montana has been detached from the cruiser force and assigned to duty under the commander-in-chief. She will continue her present duties as torpedo training vessel.

Naval Orders

Commanders K. M. Bennett from navy department to eastern recruiting district and publicity bureau, New York; R. K. Crank, charge of eastern recruiting district and publicity bureau, New York, to command the Italgia.
Lieut. R. Wilson, aide, and flag lieutenant on staff of commander-in-chief, Atlantic fleet, to temporary duty navy department.
Jr. Lieut. H. W. Hill, the Albany to the Texas, Jan. 2, and P. H. Dunbar, the Connecticut to the Fulton, Jan. 2.
Ensign A. E. Glenn, the Fulton to the Connecticut.

For Electrical Shop

The sum of \$45,000 has been inserted in the naval appropriation for tools for the yard electrical shops. It is expected that this item will go through without any opposition.

His Son Found Dead

Employees of the local navy yard learned with sorrow today of the death of Thomas J. Derrling, 11-year-old son of Thomas F. Derrling, metal expert for the navy department, so well known and liked at the local station. The young man was employed as a messenger for the Central railroad of New Jersey and was found dead with a crushed skull by railroad men on the side of the track. It is thought he attempted to get on the moving train when killed. His funeral was held on Monday from the family home, 250 Van Buren street, Newark, N. J. Many expressions of sympathy for the family are heard among navy yard men who enjoyed the acquaintance of the father.

Students Look Over Yard

A large number of students from Bates college were escorted about the yard this forenoon.

Allen Sails

The destroyer Allen sailed for Barb at ten o'clock today to continue her trial trips.

They Have the Spirit

The Christmas spirit is certainly evident on the gun deck of the North Carolina where the crew have a tree, evergreen decorations and a beautiful fireplace arranged with electrical effects. The cozy corner is known as the Christmas club and is a credit to the ship and its Jackies.

Privates Promoted

Privates Barry, O'Leary, Mann, Fleischman and Sebastian of the barracks marine guard have been promoted to rank of corporal.

Five in the Cell Today

One boilermaker, one house plumber, two general helpers, and one pipe-fitter's helper made up the list called by the labor board today.

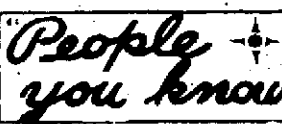
Promotions Made By Board

Six new rear admirals, 12 captains and 75 commanders, the first to be promoted under the new system of selection in the navy are on the list

presented to Secretary Daniels today by the special board which examined the fitness of the officers. Secretary Daniels will lay the list before President Wilson and later the nominations will go to the senate.
Each promotion is to be made from the next lower grade. Existing vacancies will require four new rear admirals, 12 captains and 35 commanders. The others selected during the coming year.

Ordered to Military Department

Boatswain W. B. Spear of the North Carolina will shortly be detached from that vessel and ordered to the yard Military Department.



Dr. Julia Chase was in Manchester on Tuesday.

Dr. and Mrs. Fred S. Towle passed Christmas in Boston with relatives.
Miss Nellie Stanley of Providence, R. I., is passing a few days in this city.

Miss Lillian Gerrish of Noponset, Mass., is passing a few days in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stanley of Hartford, Conn., were visitors here on Tuesday.

W. Ashton Horne of Somersworth was here on Tuesday renewing old acquaintances.

Miss Margaret Henderson of Middle street is passing a few weeks with relatives in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Purrier of Court street are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter.

Christian Christenson has returned from Portland, Me., where he passed Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. Florence J. Cowles and her mother, Mrs. Jacquith have returned to Boston after a visit here.

Frederick Noyes of Somerville, Mass., is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. John Gilman of South street.

A. O. Shaw and family are at the Sinclair Inn. They leave in a few days for the South going by auto.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kimball of Brookline, Mass., passed the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Barry of Islington street.

George A. Dearth of the Internal Revenue office force has returned from Concord where he passed Christmas with his family.

The friends of Mr. Benjamin Redden who has been ill at the Portsmouth hospital will be pleased to learn that he is greatly improved.

Thomas Warburton of Boston who passed the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. William H. Morton of Islington street, returned home on Wednesday.

Philip McGovern of the Internal Revenue office force has returned from Manchester where he passed Christmas day with relatives.

The condition of Mrs. Boynton, wife of Conductor W. F. Boynton who has been threatened with pneumonia, is reported as somewhat improved.

Elljah Woodward of New York and Mr. Story of New York passed the holiday and Sunday with G. H. R. Woodward and wife at the Rockingham.

Alphonsus J. Shea has returned to his duties in New London after spending the holiday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Peter W. Shea of Daniel street.

Ex-Senator and Mrs. J. R. E. Tarlre entertained over Christmas their daughter, Miss Lucienne, who came down from Lawrence, Mass., and their son Dr. J. Armand Tarlre, of Portsmouth, N. H.—Biddeford Journal.

INTERSTATE ASSOCIATION RULINGS CHANGED.

Sunday Shoots Approved.—New Rule on Amateurs.—Navy Men to Qualify for Honors.

Two important rulings were announced at the annual meeting of the Interstate Association for the encouragement of Trapshooting, held at the Astor Hotel, New York, recently. One of these had to do with trapshooting contests on Sundays and the other concerned the definition of an amateur. The Sunday question was brought up by members of western gun clubs, who held that under the rules as approved in the past they could not break the required number of 2,000 clay birds in a season to give them a qualifying rating for competition. In state tournaments, convinced of the unfairness of the old conditions, the delegates decided that the rules needed revision, so they voted the proper remedy for the evil was to issue sanctions for tournaments held in all states, where the holding of Sunday baseball and other sporting competitions are lawful. The new rule applies to tournaments held in territory west of the Ohio River.

New Rule on Amateurs.—Radical changes were made in regard to the definition of an amateur. Hereafter any shooter who accepts expense money, free shells, guns, clothing or anything else necessary to the proper equipment of a shooter for competition cannot compete in events for amateurs. The drastic ruling is the re-

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WITH THE SPORTS

New York, Dec. 27.—Holding the reins over winners is an inborn talent with Thomas W. Murphy. One might say it is a chronic habit. For Murphy is the king of American reinsmen, and he has been piloting winners on the race tracks of the country for the past six years.
From Murphy's home in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and Poughkeepsie is justly proud to claim him. Once again this year Murphy leads all other drivers—dozens of them—stars of the Sulky—in the sum of money earned by his horses during the 1916 racing season.

Leading the list of drivers for one year is a great achievement, but when one stops to consider that Murphy has led the field for six straight racing seasons one naturally feels like doffing the covering of his dome and saluting the man who has shown his back to more drivers than any other reinsman who has applied the whip to harness horses in a half-dozen years.

When the 1916 season got under way it appeared to those who follow the harness mags that Murphy was due to take a seat in the rear. So long how his horses couldn't sneak under the wire first aid with such performers as St. Frisco, Mabel Trask dividing first and second money in a majority of the early events in which they were entered. It was about all Murphy could do to drive home third.

And then Murphy came into his own. He developed a winner out of little Jay Ell Mack, 202 1-4, a nag he had purchased to fill a gap in his string and when J. Ell hit his stride Murphy started again to the fore. When the season of 1916 came to a close Murphy was found at the top of the column of winners with \$83,053.54 to his credit.

It would take several columns to attempt a review of what Murphy has done on the track. Suffice it to say that he has won all the classics on all big tracks so many times that the winning of any one of them is a small matter in his "young life."

One way to relieve habitual constipation is to take regularly a mild laxative. Doan's Regulets are recommended for this purpose. 50c a box at all drug stores.

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Sporting Review of 1916

By Jack Velock

International News Sporting Editor
New York Dec. 23—Nineteen hundred and sixteen will soon pass along into the vista of years. The sands in the glass have almost run their course, and when the last grain has settled with the birth of a new year, the twelve month which is about to close can be placed in the records of time as one of the most successful in the annals of sports.

The great world war has put a damper on sporting events of all varieties in foreign lands, but in these peaceful United States of ours we have enjoyed sports to the utmost, and nearly every branch on the sporting tree has been blessed with success. Because of the wars abroad the whole world has turned its eyes toward America, and America has furnished the thrills for followers of almost all followers classified in sport dom.

Baseball, tennis, golf, boxing, football and athletics, in all of their branches, professional or amateur have enjoyed successes to cover the year of 1916 insofar as actual sporting records are concerned in this country alone would require column upon column of statistics. Records of the many events which have taken place in all lines of sport would show the breaking of many marks and then making of many new champions. Taken separately the outstanding features of the major sports give us plenty of food for retrospection. A comprehensive review of this most important events in major sports therefore is offered here, more as a matter of reviewing the year than as a matter of record.

Baseball Thrives Since War

When the pact between Organized baseball and the Federal league was signed the national pastime emerged from the most serious entanglement into which it has ever been thrown. But the stability of the game and the place it holds in sports have been amply proven by the come back it has made during the present year. It is true that baseball still needs reformation and reforms may be expected but from the staidness of the follower of the game—the one who pays the freight—baseball has proven its mettle.

From the opening of the 1916 season until the Red Sox defeated the

Brooklyn Dodgers in four out of five games, starting at Boston on the 9th day of last October, baseball furnished a thrill after thrill.

Early in the year on January 5—Charles Weeghman and his associates purchased the Chicago Cubs, and a few days later the Boston Braves were sold to Percy Haughton and a syndicate of business men. In the same month the New York Giants purchased Benny Kauff, Anderson and Rutledge from the Federals.

In February Judge R. M. Landis gave the baseball world a thrill by dismissing the famous trust-busting suit instituted by the outlaw leaguers, the exact date of his announcement being February 7. Two days later Ed. Konetchy was purchased by the Boston Braves and a sum said to have been \$18,000 was paid for him. During the next week the Yankees bought Frank Baker from Connie Mack.

On February 24, Honus Wagner, the greatest shortstop of all time as well as one of the greatest batsmen the game has ever known celebrated his 42d birthday. Following along in April after James C. Dunn had purchased the Cleveland club, the sale of Tristram Speaker to the Indians started the fans all over the country. The sum of \$40,000 paid for Speaker was said to be the largest amount ever laid down for a ball player.

And then came the playing season with the war a thing of the past and the peace dove sitting calmly on its perch. It was in May that the New York Giants started their first winning streak in the west, and they piled up seventeen victories before they were stopped. In July the Giants again got into the spotlight through the trade with Cincinnati by which Christy Mathewson went to the Reds, and Charley Hezrogo to New York. This trade was consummated on July 20.

In August, the 25th day to be exact, Fred Merkle went to the Brooklyn Dodgers in a trade for McCarty, the Brooklyn star young catcher and on the 29th of the same month John McGraw pulled another thriller by sending Larry Doyle to Chicago for Haino Zimmerman.

On the 15th day of September the major leagues drafted 74 players from the minors, one of the largest drafts that has ever been made, and thence once again McGraw and his

New Yorkers came into the spotlight by winning 25 straight games of baseball. They had their winning streak broken in New York, and the Boston club was the one which put on the crusher.

In the meantime the race for the pennants in both leagues held the attention of fans all over the country. The American league race with seven clubs in the running up to the last of August was the most successful one in its history. In the old league, three teams—the Dodgers, Phillies, and the Boston Braves—fought it out tooth and nail to the bitter end, and the havoc wrought by the Giants in their record-breaking, steam-rolling string of wins lent interest to the chase for the flag.

The season's close found the Boston Red Sox world's champions, after a comparatively easy series against Brooklyn. It found conditions in baseball indicative of a brighter future than the game has ever known before and the process of building up the props that had been torn down in the war with the Reds much faster than had been expected.

The various races in the minor leagues were thrilling, and although minor leagues had the usual amount of trouble in some quarters, several leagues going to the wall, the majors through their actions at the annual meeting which was held in New Orleans in November and through their requests to the majors show that the spirit of progress is uppermost and that they are striving to create better conditions. That the major and minor leagues will be more closely related insofar as mutual interests are concerned is the prediction made for 1917 and it had its incentive in the events that were brought about during the year just closing.

The naming of Fred Mitchell as manager of the Chicago Cubs together with legislation toward altering the rules of the game and the handling of the world's series, marked the winding up of the year for the major leagues. The minors, with the prospect of getting equal representation in cases which concern them, can truly look ahead to better things.

Pugilists Hold Titles

In the realm of right and left jab and uppercut no championships changed hands, although the title of bantamweight champion was clouded when Johnny Ertle of St. Paul was awarded a decision over champion Johnny Williams, of Baltimore, on a foul. Williams, the least of all the champions in size, is generally credited as the champion still.

In the featherweight division Johnny Kilbane of Cleveland stands out supreme. His only battle of championship caliber, against George Chenev, at Cedar Point, Ohio, on September 4, resulted in an easy victory by the knockout route in the third round.

Fredlie Welsh was the busiest champion of them all, for he took part in numerous ten-round no-decision affairs. In two bouts in New York, against Henry Leonard, Welsh was credited with one victory and one defeat, but neither was to a decision and there was merely a question of awarding points on which to base the popular decisions rendered. On Labor Day, at Colorado Springs, Welsh was awarded the referee's decision over Charlie White, of Chicago, after twenty rounds of comparatively tame milking.

As has been the case for several years, neither the welter nor middleweight championship rests solidly upon any one brow. In both divisions there are many claimants, though general sentiment and the combined opinion of experts award the best claim among the welters to Jack Britton, and that among the middleweights to Mike Gibbons. Both boxers took part in a number of widely advertised battles and Britton made a commendable showing, while Gibbons, although not defeated, was far from his former self.

Jack Dillon and Battling Levinsky are disputing the claim to the light-heavyweight championship. Dillon was rated as the peer in this division by boxing authorities early in the year, but a defeat by Levinsky in Boston, last Autumn, shaved his claims to a certain degree in the estimation of some experts. However, Dillon's defeat of Tom Cowler, whom he knocked out in two rounds, and his easy victory over Frank Moran in New York, June 22, which was followed by his knockout of Jim Flynn, at Dewey, Okla., on July 4, give him a margin over the New York contender.

Standing alone among the heavyweights, Jess Willard spent a year of practical inactivity. His bout with Frank Moran, which he captured in a decisive manner in a New York ring, March 26, left his title untroubled. Spending the Summer as a circus attraction, Willard made his title a profitable one.

In the realm of boxing, therefore, it remains for 1917 to see the unsealing of the champions, and with dozens of good boxers springing up all over the country, and interest in the game being carefully fostered everywhere, the future of the manly art looks bright enough. Considering the restrictions that have been placed upon it in many parts of the country, boxing has thrived.

The wrestling fraternity, which had hoped for the return of Frank Gotch, the Humboldt, Ia., terror, from retirement, was disappointed. Gotch has declared himself through with the mat for all time, and Joe Stecher, the Nebraska farmer boy, stands out as the logical successor to the greatest catch-as-catch-can master the world

has known. Many wrestlers of different weights held forth throughout the country and the heavyweight matmen are again coming to the fore.

Surprises in Football

The football season of 1916 was fraught with surprise after surprise. The new style game—in which open-field playing and the aerial attack have become outstanding features—has paved the way for a revolution in the gridiron world. For the past two seasons small college teams have come to the front by defeating eleventh which in former years would have annihilated any hopes they might have had for victories.

The past season was a very successful one from a financial standpoint, and the record for crowds was shattered when Yale met Harvard in the Yale bowl, November 25, with nearly 50,000 wild-eyed football fans looking on. In so far as the records of teams, both large and small, are concerned, it can only be said that all classes of schools met with varied degrees of success.

In the East, where Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Pennsylvania and Cornell have generally held sway, the football

dope was entirely upset this year. Colgate, through her sensational and decisive victory over Brown on Thanksgiving day, paved the way for Pittsburgh University to claim the Eastern championship. Yet the Army, eleven, undefeated, demanded a place in the spotlight, and the actual awarding of the title remained an issue as the season closed and is still held in that light.

In the Western conference Ohio State's team, aided by the wonderful Harley, swept its way majestically through the Big Nine to a championship in the West, for Minnesota, a team which could be compared favorably with any other team in the country, and Michigan and Notre Dame all demanded recognition for positions high in the rating.

The 1916 season did not develop an overabundance of especially brilliant players. Many star players in different branches of the game were brought out, but with the exception of Olliphant, of the Army; Harley, of Ohio State; Anderson, of Colgate, and a few others who played well in the line or on the ends, it would be difficult indeed to give the many credit without mentioning each individual.

Among the coaches who bloomed out because of their achievements were Wiley, of Ohio State, and Tad Jones, of Yale.

Interest in the game, both in college and independent circles, was greater than ever before, and the demand for the numbering of players was given more attention by schools in various parts of the country than in any previous year.

Tennis Enjoys Popularity

During the year just closing the swish of the racket and the thud of bounding pellets on tennis courts in all sections of the country was heard with greater regularity than never before. The season of 1916 in tennis—both the indoor and outdoor games—was without doubt the best in history if popularity can be measured. Tennis is growing by great leaps and bounds. It is becoming more and more popular in all sections as a municipal requirement in providing the proper amount of healthy, outdoor exercise, and the governments of cities, towns and villages all over the country turn to tennis wherever it can be encouraged.

Tournaments in every state in the Union are now annual events, not to mention inter-sectional and national tournaments which every year attract the attention of hundreds of thousands of devotees of the game.

The national men's and women's slates tournaments this year attracted greater interest than in any previous season, and the ratings of players in both divisions, which were only recently announced, were deserved everywhere. The world's tennis enthusiasts by tennis followers are now located in the United States, where it is given the greatest play and has the greatest number of followers.

Only a few years ago national championship events, and even inter-sectional events, were handicapped because of the fact that it was difficult to get the players from different sections together. But the interest has grown until now the best players from all parts of the country, and from flock to the scenes of championship some of the foreign countries as well, events.

The ratings as announced by the U. S. Lawn Tennis Association at the recent meeting of the executive board in New York, show the ranking of the players. They are as follows:

No. 1—R. Norris Williams, No. 2—William M. Johnston, No. 3—George M. Church, No. 4—R. Lindley Murray, No. 5—Ichaya Kunitake, No. 6—Clarence J. Griffin, No. 7—Watson M. Washburn, No. 8—Willis R. Davis, No. 9—Joseph J. Armstrong, No. 10—Dean Mathey.

Here are how the double tennis are ranked:

1—William M. Johnston and Clarence J. Griffin, national champions, 2—Maurice E. McLoughlin and Ward Dawson, 3—George M. Church and Willis R. Davis, 4—George M. Church and Dean Mathey, 5—Wallace F. Johnson and Joseph J. Armstrong, 6—Fred B. Alexander and Karl H. Behr, 7—Dean Mathey and Harold A. Throckmorton.

8—W. T. Haynes and R. H. Burbick, 9—Alrich H. Mann, Jr., and C. M. Bull, Jr., 10—Willis E. Davis and H. V. D. Jones, 11—Mrs. Edward Raymond, 12—Miss Evelyn Sears, 13—Miss Anita Meyers, 14—Miss Sara Livingstone, 15—Miss Marie Wagner, 16—Mrs. Homer S. Green, 17—Miss Martha Guthrie, 18—Miss Eleanor A. Sears, 19—Mrs. Dargor Wallace.

Golf Had Great Year

The year in golf was an especially brilliant one, for in every state in the Union where golf is strongly established there was a noticeable increase in the number of players registered in championship events, and a better grade of golf was played everywhere.

All of the larger cities and many of the smaller ones now have municipal golf courses where lovers of the game who cannot not afford the luxury of becoming members of an exclusive club can have their fill of the old Scotch pastime. Many private clubs are constantly springing up and reports on the sales of golf paraphernalia by big concerns which make a specialty of such things proves beyond a doubt that the game is constantly growing and the army of golfers increasing by the hundreds every season.

Perhaps the greatest outstanding feature of the 1916 season was the winning of both the national open and national amateur championships by Charles "Chief" Evans, of Chicago. Evans captured the national open title at Minneapolis from one of the chessiest fields that could have been gotten together in this country and his great playing at Philadelphia in the amateur championship against one of the best fields that has competed since the breaking out of the war in Europe, was nothing short of sensational.

Among the women golfers of the country Miss Alex Stirling, of Atlanta, Ga., stands out as the peer. Her defeat of Miss Mildred Caverly, at Boston for the national title was sensational. Women golfers, by the way, are growing in numbers almost as rapidly as are the men, when it is considered that fewer women have a natural tendency for such competition.

The ruling made last January by the United States Golf Association, which classed players who obtain indirect profits from their proficiency on the links as professionals, was a sensation and it caused some unrest in golfing circles. The barring of Francis Outmet, the sensational Boston player was regretted among golfers everywhere. The ruling, it is believed may be changed at the winter meeting of the association this year.

The Athletic Field

Hundreds of outdoor and indoor field and track meets all over the country, not to mention swimming meets and the annual events in all branches that may be classed under athletics, saw the breaking of many records. Local records in all parts of the country were lowered, state records fell by the wayside, while world's marks, national, inter-collegiate and A. A. U. records were broken or equalled.

Truthfully, the year saw all branches in the athletic world prosper, and the interest of the public in athletic events in general was noticeably increased. Although the war made a difference in the world's games on track and field, the sentiment of the country did not decrease, and those who are constantly doing what is in their power to uplift such sports worked even harder than in previous years to make conditions ideal.

The visit of five of the country's star athletes—Ward, Murray, Meredith, Loomis and Simpson to Scandinavian countries last fall was looked upon with national pride and the successes scored by these athletes proved to follower of athletics that the U. S. is progressing in such lines, turning out great athletes in larger numbers than ever before.

In intercollegiate, independent, amateur and scholastic athletics there were many who stood out as wonderful performers on the track, in the field or in the water. Howard Berry, was one of the most sensational of the track performers of the year, while Simpson, Meredith, Loomis, Ward, Roth, Ginnakoplis and many lesser lights have shown brilliancy in their various branches.

Herbert Volmer, Lady Langer and Teddy Kahn probably broke more records in swimming events than any one previous year, while among the best women swimmers were Miss Claire Gulligan, of New York, and Miss Olga Dorfner, of Philadelphia. In team swimming events the Illinois A. C. swimmers, of Chicago, were generally considered as having the best all-event combination.

In the annual inter-collegiate crew races Syracuse came to the fore by winning the historic Paughkeepsa event June 17, with Cornell's team second. Harvard defeated Yale in their annual event; Pennsylvania won from Yale; Harvard from Cornell and Princeton from the best in the Eastern collegiate field when the American

TRYING TO REMOVE NEWPORT STATION TO NORFOLK, VA.

EFFORTS AT WASHINGTON BEING MADE TO HAVE TRAINING STATION MOVED SOUTH.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 26.—It has become known here that a movement is under way seeking to remove the local Naval training station to Norfolk, where there is a large and well-established training station and where the Navy Department recently bought a large additional tract of land.

That there is a strong influence at work in Washington against Narragansett Bay Training Station was learned today on unimpeachable authority.

It is also reported that an effort is being made to make Narragansett Bay a big Naval plant befitting the northern base of the Atlantic fleet.

Destroyer commanders and those of other lighter draft warships say they are almost unable to secure an anchor age because of the Fall River liners passing through the inner harbor, forcing many of these light-draft ships to anchor far from the landing at Newport.

Henley was held at Philadelphia for the Childs Cup.

Miscellaneous Sports

Miss Minneapolis won the gold cup for the power boat title at Detroit.

Ed W. Gardner captured the National Amateur 18.2 ball-line billiard title from Morris Brown at New York, 100 to 351.

Tom Rooney took the senior sculls title at Duluth August 12.

Dario Resta captured the world's automobile racing title and the A. A. A. purse and trophies for winning the greatest number of events, John Aiken, of Indianapolis, was second.

Great running horse races of the country were decided as follows during the year: Kentucky Derby, June 17, won by Dodge; Gold Cup Handicap, Chicago, July 29, won by Dodge; Louis ville Cup, September 23, won by Star Hawk; Saratoga Handicap, July 31, won by Strumboli; Belmont Futurity, September 2, won by Camptide; Metro politan Handicap, May 25, won by The Plan; Suburban Handicap, May 30, won by Friar Rock; Toboggan Handicap, June 3, won by High Noon; Belmont Stakes, June 10, won by Friar Rock; Brooklyn Handicap, June 24, Friar Rock; Brooklyn Derby, June 28, won by Chicle.

CHILDREN HELP

Berlin.—School children of Berlin subscribed 1,000,000 marks to the fifth German war loan, according to the latest figures made public, says the Overseas News Agency.

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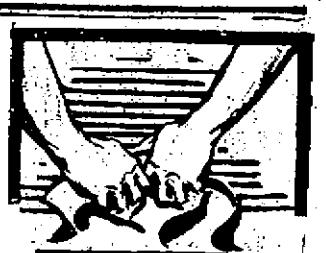
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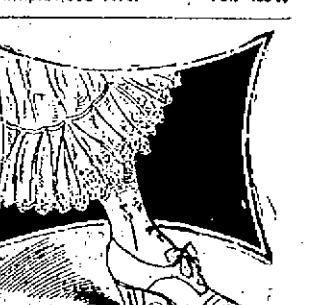


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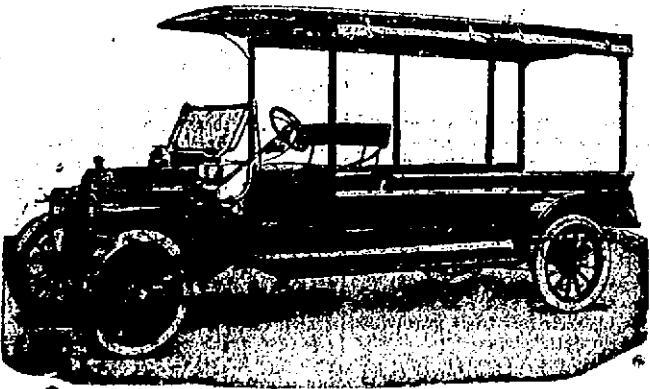
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BRITISH WILL KEEP SAILINGS CLOSE SECRET

MADE OF DEPARTURES FROM HERE OF BRITISH STEAMSHIPS.

No one interested in the departure of British vessels from New York will be able to learn positively the dates of sailings after the first week in January according to an official of one of the lines yesterday.

Great Britain has issued orders for strict secrecy regarding departures, from home or foreign ports, of vessels flying the British flag. This is to protect them from enemy attacks. At present it is generally known that certain vessels now in port, or due here shortly will depart on certain days.

But after these go, no more announcements will be made. No advertisements of future sailings will tell the dates, and any one interested must await private instructions when to board the vessels or send freight to them.

How this order will affect transatlantic mails is yet to be seen. Heretofore, dates of the departure of vessels have been sent to the Postoffice and placards printed telling the hours mails for such vessels will close. Some time this week a new arrangement will be made. Other Entente nations are expected to follow suit.

ALLIED FLEET BELIEVED HERE

SHIP COMMANDER'S REPORTS POINT TO BIG FLEET OF FRENCH AND BRITISH WAR SHIPS TO PROTECT COMMERCE.

Boston, Dec. 26.—The presence on this side of the Atlantic of a formidable fleet of Allied warships was indicated definitely today. The vessels are known officially as "commerce protectors." They are heavily armed and disguised. For obvious reasons their exact disposition is not revealed, but the arrival recently in American water of this newest unit of the British and French Admiralties was made known from a source that hardly can be mistaken.

For some days skippers of transatlantic and coastwise steamers have been bringing to New England reports of strange appearing craft that were making their way westward. They made no reply to signals, and could not be approached. They steered a vagrant course, and were described variously as of the fashion of merchantmen, transports, light cruisers, and even of submarines. Placed together, these reports fitted in with the suspicion, now apparently confirmed, of shipping men. It is said that the fleet arrived safely at Halifax, N. S., a few days ago, but nothing then became known generally about it because of the strict censorship of all telegraphic matter originating in the provinces, and of such mail matter as is suspected of containing intelligence of value to enemies of the Allies.

The "commerce protectors" are described as large and powerful but

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capable of fair speed. They were designed, it is said, to meet the German U-boat danger, and in anticipation of an attempted raid off the Canadian coast similar to that made by the U-53 off Nantucket on Oct. 8. At that time shipping men figured that there was not an Allied warship within 500 miles of the spot that Captain Raubeau de liberally selected in which to operate. The British Admiralty, it is said, determined to make impossible another such raid, and the fleet of "commerce protectors" was the fruition of the plan then formulated.

The arrival of the disguised warships was followed almost immediately with the announcement by the British Premier Lloyd George of the plan for the nationalization of British shipping. It is understood that the "commerce protectors" will not only lie in wait for submarines at strategic points but that they have been provided in sufficient number to act as convoys for merchant vessels throughout the zones in which undersea boats would be most likely to operate.

WITH THE SPORTS

New York, Dec. 26.—"How are we going to stop the Glants?"

Set to doleful music, this is the latest unpopular song rehearsed by several national league managers. And to say the least, the rivals of John J. McGraw have something to worry about.

Of course, this is no time to do anything in the line of picking winners, but when sentiment to the effect that the Glants should have a walkway with the National league flag next summer is openly expressed by pilots in the old league, there must be more than a good chance for the Polo grounds gang to grab the gonfalon next fall.

The makeup of the Glants as they closed the season of 1916 will need few if any alterations. McGraw saw that he needed some new material last August and he stepped right out and got it. When the National league held its annual meeting here McGraw was seen sitting about the Waldorf lobby with a satisfied smile on his countenance and he did little or no dicker for players.

"All I want at the present moment" said John "is a little stronger pitching staff."

And John expects to secure the talent necessary to make his wiggling corps a success.

Four of McGraw's rival managers expressed the opinion during the meeting here that the National league might just as well save itself by voting the Glants \$100 for next year's pennant and have it over with. These four are Wilbert Robinson, Pat Moran, George Stallings and Jimmie Callahan.

Fred Mitchell, the new manager of the Cubs, did not express himself as strongly, but he admitted that the Glants are the lads to watch. Mitchell hopes to have the Cubs in the race, and he says he expects to see all of the western clubs in the National league show to better advantage in 1917 than they did this year.

The sensational winning streak with which the Glants brought their season to a close has put four into the bosoms of other clubs, and when the season opens the Glants will have seven teams fighting tooth and nail to stop them. Rival managers will go through at least the first six or eight weeks of the season using their best pitchers against the Glants. They will save their most dependable pitchers for McGraw's boys, but it appears now that if the McGraw clan hits its old stride, it will be as hard to stop as the Twentieth Century Limited.

I know now that a fellow is never too old to learn. Jim Hoelting, 61 years old, runs marathons in mid-winter. But Jim will not listen to reason.

Miller Huggins wore out two pairs

of shoes at the National league meeting trying to land players and went home with a new iron hat.

Harney Dreyfuss wants a new national commission.

The most exciting thing about a six day bike race is a spill.

Compared to Huggins, T. Y. Cobb is a piker when it comes to covering ground.

The White Sox and Indians may play in Canada?

Fred Mitchell ought to make a good manager. He has a punch in both hands.

The National league meeting was as peaceful as a little neck game, and just about as newsworthy.

When the National Meets. (Heard Through the Keyhole)

Mr. Tener—The meeting will please come to order. Any business to be brought up will be in order after the reading of the minutes.

Mr. Heydler—Now that the minutes of the last meeting have been read I want to say that this meeting is a meeting.

Mrs. Britton—Will some one please pass me the box-bone?

Mr. Dreyfuss—I want the National Commission dissolved.

Mr. Herrmann—I am willing to resign any time I can't have my own way.

Mr. Weeghman—I'll try a chocolate if you don't mind.

Mr. Ebbets—if the league doesn't mind I'll spend only \$50 for the pennant this year.

Mr. Heydler—The newspaper boys are at the door.

Mr. Haughton—I think the foul strike rule should be modified.

Mr. Hempstead—I think we ought to get independent of the American league and raise the player limit.

Mrs. Britton—I much prefer the Ceylon to this brand of tea. I move you, Mr. President that Ceylon tea be served at the next meeting.

Mr. Dreyfuss—What can I do, in this meeting? You're my hands. I can win no arguments.

Mr. Ebbets—I am in favor of changing the draft. Will some one please close the north window?

Mr. Haughton—I repeat that the rules should be changed. At Harvard I got some attention.

Mr. Weeghman—I am here to buy a new string of restaurants and a manager.

Mr. Heydler—I'll tell the reporters we've voted to resolve that we should resolve.

Mr. Tener—We should alter the world series rules. National league clubs should win at least once every 20 years.

Hellboy—The reporters await without.

Mr. Herrmann—I move we adjourn. I can't bear to sit here more than five years at a time.

Mr. Heydler—I'll tell the reporters that we have referred all business to the February meeting.

FARMERS AT COLLEGE DURING XMAS WEEK

State College, Pa., Dec. 27.—The grand assault on old "high cost of living" gained fresh impetus here when several hundred staid farmers from all parts of the State left their homes and traveled here today to spend a week in the study of intensive production and reclamation of waste land. The farmers students are occupying the dormitories, left vacant by the college students home on Christmas vacation, and just to show that they haven't forgotten their boyhood days they are pulling off a series of "stunt" pranks that will turn the regular sophisticated class green with envy when they return and hear about it.

The basketball season appears to be a little slow in getting under way in Portsmouth.

NEWBURYPORT TO CONTINUE CLAM PLANTING

EXAMINATION MADE OF SOME OF THE SEED CLAMS PLANTED IN FLATS SHOWS FINE SUCCESS.

Much additional territory of the flats of Newburyport will be seeded to clams this coming spring as the experimental planting done last year has proved a great success. Councilman Herbert Simmons visited the section on the south end of flats which had been seeded and found that the clams had grown three fourths to seven eighths of an inch. These clams were started from seed taken from Hampton last May and about four acres of flats were treated.

The success of the experiment is very fully demonstrated, the size of the original seed clam being shown on the shell and the increased growth can be easily measured. The work of seeding the flats was accomplished through the efforts of Mayor Pogg and Councilman Bamford, who were appointed a committee to see that the work was done.

START BIGGEST SCIENCE MEETING EVER HELD

New York, Dec. 26.—With about six thousand men and women in attendance, the biggest meeting of scientists ever held started here today. It is the sixty-eighth annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. About fifty affiliated learned bodies are also in convention here.

The hotels are filled with conversations on diaphanous and the fourth dimension. Entomologists are making their headquarters at the Endicott; botanists, the McAlpin, zoologists, the Astor, and so on.

More than a thousand papers and addresses will be presented, covering the recent advances in natural philosophy and applied science.

The main meetings will take place in Columbia University, City College and the American Museum of Natural History. There will be many group meetings going on in different places at the same time. The meetings will continue all this week.

Almost all the scientists will attend a meeting in the American Museum of Natural History, this evening. Dr. Charles R. Van Hise, president of the University of Wisconsin, will preside and Dr. W. W. Campbell, director of the Lick Astronomical Observatory, will speak on "The Nebulae."

Every university in the United States is represented. There will be many social features, luncheons, teas, dinners and side trips to places of interest.

The Automobile Club of America, the National Highway Association, the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce and the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education will hold joint sessions.

There will be a scientific exhibit and conversation in University Hall, Columbia University, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. All the meetings will be open to the public.

VISITED CONSTITUTION LODGE

The degree staff of Danion Lodge No. 2, Knights of Pythias, of this city, visited Constitution Lodge, No. 88 at Kittery and exemplified the work of the rank of Page on a large number of candidates. The work was done in the long form.

The Dartmouth Club with its dinner tonight and dance tomorrow, will be in the line light this week.

OBITUARY

Walter M. Smart
Walter Martin Smart, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Smart, died on Tuesday at the home of his parents on Spring street, aged 33 years. He was born at Rye May 12, 1878. He is survived by his parents and one brother, George E. Smart of Kittery.

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When the new submarine L-8 goes in commission at the Portsmouth navy yard her commander will be Lieut. James Parker, Jr.

Lieut. Parker who is only 30 years of age, will have the honor of being the commander of the first underwater craft built by the government at a navy yard. The young officer, who is one of the most popular and capable of his rank in the service, is the son of General James Parker of the U. S. army and a relative of Hon. Alton B. Parker, a former Democratic candidate for President. He is a native of Arizona and was appointed from New Jersey. Lately he has been attached to the submarine base at New London and will act as inspection officer here in connection with the L-8 until she is commissioned. He is no stranger to the Portsmouth station. He was one of the first officers assigned to duty here when the yard was placed under the new

system of management and did very efficient work in the Industrial Department under General Manager L. S. Adams. He will report here shortly from New London.

REPORT THAT CARPENTER HAS BROUGHT SUIT

It is rumored that Major Ralph G. Carpenter has instituted libel proceedings against a leading Boston paper as a result of a story recently printed in regard to the Carpenter divorce case. Damages are claimed to be \$50,000.

PLACED IN RESERVE CORPS

Ralph L. Reinwald, late lieutenant of the U. S. S. Arizona has arrived at his home in this city. Mr. Reinwald who has completed nearly a quarter of a century's service, beginning with the old naval band, conducted by Henry L. Harlow, has been assigned to the reserve corps, which is practically a retirement from the service. He will make his home in this city in the future.

BUSINESS MEN DISGUSTED WITH POOR SERVICE

On the Concord and Portsmouth Branch—Want Service That Gives Speed and Comfort.

Portsmouth business men are becoming thoroughly disgusted with the train service over the Concord and Portsmouth branch of the Boston and Maine. Thorough incompetence is the only explanation that can be offered as an excuse for the way the train service is handled on that line. The train due here at 6.20 p. m. arrives all the way from 7.00 to 7.30, consuming about four hours in covering 55 miles. Travel between Concord, Manchester and Portsmouth could be increased with proper service. "Safety first" is all very well, but "Speed with skill; security in proper equipment," coupled with safety and comfort would produce good business and return a dividend in friendship and co-operation.

If President and Temporary Receiver Hustis wants to make a hit and get results, make it compulsory for his superintendents to make at least one round trip between this city and Concord daily. He would have the resignation of all hands.

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MONEY ALLOWED FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE NAVY YARD

Extensions to Machine Shop and Foundry and New Crane.

Secretary Daniels of the navy in a communication to the manager of the Industrial Department states that the sum of \$34,000 has been allowed by the bureau of yards and docks for improvements of buildings, etc. Twelve thousand dollars will be issued for an addition on the south side of the machine shop and the same amount for an extension of the foundry. Ten thousand dollars will be allowed for a crane for steel storage. In connection with this appropriation the sum of \$3,000 is later expected for tools in steam engineering and \$11,000 for the same purpose in construction and repair.

WOMAN SAYS SHE WAS WALKING TO HER HOME IN BOSTON

Blanche Davis Loses Her Male Escort During the Holiday.

Blanche Davis, aged 41, who claims East Boston as her home, was picked up wandering about Hyde on Tuesday by Bert Drake and brought to the police headquarters. The woman told the police that she came from Boston with a man and made a stop at Lynn. Later they took a train for Portsmouth and a side trip to Milne. She claimed that her male escort shook her during the holiday and left her without transportation or money. She intended to walk to Boston and was on her way to North Hampton when she was obliged to ask for a lodging. The police could not determine much by her stories but provided a ticket for Boston and put her on the train.

OLYMPIA THEATRE NOTES

GERALDINE FARRAR in "MARIA ROSA" is the headline attraction for today and tomorrow.

A picture acknowledged by critics to be greater than "Carmen."

Produced by Jesse L. Lasky in six parts.

"Maria Rosa" played to more than 14,000 paid admissions in one week at the Strand Theatre, New York City.

The program includes June Caprice in "Little Miss Happiness."

Presented by the William Fox Company.

June Caprice was recently seen in "Caprice of the Mountains." It was some picture.

As the serial "Liberty" draws to a close, the public's interest increases.

Eddie Polo is largely responsible for the popularity of this picture.

Perhaps the big reason why this serial is so successful is because it is the truth.

Everything is not only probable, but is a pictorialization of what you read in the newspapers.

Come early and be sure of a seat.

A lady's purse was found on Tuesday night.

Owner of same will please call at the box office.

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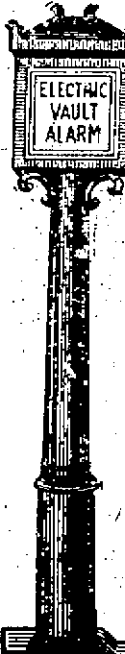
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"Little Miss Happiness." The sweetest out-of-does story ever told. Those who saw June Caprice in "Caprice of the Mountains" will want to see this picture.

ATTEND THE MATINEES IF POSSIBLE—COME EARLY!

THE HERALD HEARS

That the Democratic council elect may have a secret session tonight or on Thursday.

That this will be in the interest of a state for the coming meetings after the inauguration.

That one of the party who was picked for city clerk is said to have shifted to the field for tax collector.

That the horses owned by the government and used by the commandants at the Boston and Portsmouth navy yards will be replaced by automobiles.

That the machines for both stations have been delivered by the manufacturers.

That Police Officer Hewitt returned to duty on Tuesday after recovering from a severe case of measles.

That Arthur Lessard of Manchester, N. H., a private in the Thirty-Fourth Infantry on duty at the Mexican border, shot himself on Christmas because he received no gifts from home.

That the people who waited until the last minute to purchase turkey for Christmas had to resort to steak and other meats.

That the newly elected mayor of Newburyport, Walter B. Hopkinson, says he will make that city the driest in its history.

That if that proves true railroad transportation tickets from Seabrook will read in another direction.

That William J. Kennedy of Hodgdon's cafe is mentioned for the office of city auditor.

That Bill is a most modest office seeker in the ranks of his party but his many friends say they are with him if he will consent to shoot his derby into the ring.

That Boston firemen are to have a union.

That it is hoped they will not draw the line in fighting the flames of a non union building.

That some of the single women of the Chicago del squad that have been living on 10 cents a day should be attractive to the man seeking a wife.

That any woman who can pull through on that amount would not cause heart trouble for her husband when he went to pay the grocery bill.

That we ought to hear from the first robin after January 1.

That some of the recipients of Christmas gifts from the trees at the Elks and B. A. C. are wondering who passed it to them.

That the presents they drew may go in cold storage for a year and appear again with another address on the 1917 tree.

GIRLS' CLUB NOTES

The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday evening, December 28 at 8 o'clock at the club house. Bring your sewing and enjoy a social evening.

Tickets are now on sale for the whist party which takes place on Wednesday evening, January 10.

There will be a program for the play, "An Alchemist's Son" on Tuesday evening, January 2 at 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Braggion's dancing class will be postponed until Wednesday evening, January 3.

DEBATE AT PEOPLES' BAPTIST CHURCH

There will be a debate on Thursday evening at the Pearl Street Peoples' Baptist church under the auspices of

DELEGATES TO GRAND LODGE

Reginald Goldsmith and Scott Somerville from St. John's Lodge and Col. John Pender, Harry L. Hilton and Herbert Pettigrew of St. Andrew's Lodge are attending the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons at Manchester today.

CONCORD HAS NINE OF EACH

The Concord legislative delegation will meet in the general committee room in the state house on Tuesday. The delegation is evenly divided, nine Republicans and nine Democrats.

FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral of Henry E. Cottle will be held from his late home, Government street, Kittery, Friday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Friends invited.

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The funeral of Mrs. Betsy Burnham will be held from her late home on Woodlawn avenue, Kittery, Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Friends invited.

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